IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Maria Laura Gennaro Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

Application No.: 10/009,383 **TC/Art Unit:** 1645

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Title: Proteins Expressed by Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and not by BCG and Their Use as

Diagnostic Reagents and Vaccines

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Amendment

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the January 14, 2008 Non-Final Office Action (the "Office Action") issued in connection with the above-referenced application. A response to the Office Action is due April 14, 2008. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.